(c) if the legislation has not been enacted, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to provide for development and regulation of mineral resources in the territorial water, continental shelf, exclusive economic zone and other maritime zones of India and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, the Central Government has enacted the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002 (17 of 2003) (the Act). The Act has been notified in the Gazette of India on 31.1.2003. Rules under section 35 of the Act have been framed and are being translated into Hindi for notifying in the Gazette of India. After the publication of the Rules in the Gazette of India, the areas will be thrown open for exploitation of resources.

(c) In view of the above, does not arise.

National Mineral Policy

1523. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a National Mineral Policy;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government would invite suggestion from the private players engaged in exploration activities before the policy is announced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) The Government has already announced its National Mineral Policy for non-fuel and non-atomic minerals in 1993 and it is still in operation.

Atrocities on SCs/STs

†1524. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey in respect of atrocities, rapes and crimes committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the last three years, State-wise;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the number of cases and percentage of cases filed in the courts, State-wise;

(c) the States where such percentage is highest; and

(d) the number of cases disposed of by the courts during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) No survey has been conducted in regard to atrocities committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. However, on calendar year basis, the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations intimate the number of cases registered by Police under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the cases disposed off by the Courts. The year-wise information for the calendar years 2001, 2002 and 2003, as compiled, States/Union Territory- wise, in regard to cases registered under the Act by the police, cases charge sheeted in the courts and cases disposed off by Courts, is given in the Statement (*See* below). It would be seen from the statistics pertaining to calendar year 2003 that the States of Madhya Pradesh (4763 cases), Rajasthan (2604 cases), Uttar Pradesh (1474 cases), Orissa (1281 cases), Gujarat (966 cases), Maharashtra (767 cases), Andhra Pradesh (742 cases), Tamil Nadu (613 cases) and Karnataka (602 cases), collectively accounted for 91.55% of total number of 15,087 cases charge sheeted in the courts in the country.

Statement

Number of cases registered by Police charge sheeted in the Courts and cases disposed off by Courts under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the year 2001

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of cases registered by Police including brought forward.	Number of cases charge sheeted in the courts including brought forward	Percentage to number of cases registered by Police (col. 03).	Number of cases disposed off by the Court including brought forward
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2574	1288	50.04	817
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Assam	0	0	0	0
4.	Bihar	1802	180	09.99	385
5.	Chhattisgarh	1053	915	86.89	690
6.	Goa	1	0	0	1
7.	Gujarat	1945	1760	90.49	575
8.	Haryana	85	54	63.53	11
9.	Himachal Pradesh	20	7	35	12
10.	Jharkhand	349	176	50.43	NA
11.	Karnataka	1851	643	34.74	433
12.	Kerala	909	290	31.90	132
13.	Madhya Pradesh	5332	4336	81.32	2700
14.	Maharashtra	972	755	77.67	1151
15.	Manipur	0	0	0	0
16.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0
17.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0
18.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0
19.	Orissa	2329	1125	48.30	254
20.	Punjab	75	14	18.67	3
21.	Rajasthan	6391	1966	30.76	1968
22.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
23.	Tamil Nadu	1192	662	55.54	434
24.	Tripura	0	0	0	0
25.	Uttaranchal	132	78	59.09	213
26.	Uttar Pradesh	12037	7356	61.11	6407
27.	West Bengal	69	43	62.32	9
28.	A. & N. Islands	1	1	100.00	2
29.	Chandigarh	3	1	33.33	0
30.	D. & N. Haveli	5	2	40.00	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
31.	Daman & Diu	1	1	100.00	2
32.	Delhi	25	22	88.00	2
33.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
34.	Pondicherry	4	3	75.00	2
	TOTAL:	39,157	21,678	55.36	16,203

* The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 does not extend in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

* NA—Not Available.

Number of cases registered by Police charge sheeted in the Courts and cases disposed off by Courts under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the year 2002

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of cases registered by Police including brought forward.	Number of cases charge sheeted in the courts including brought forward	Percentage to number of cases registered by Police (col. 03).	Number of cases disposed off by the Court including brought forward
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2522	844	33.46	1080
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
3.	Assam	0	0	0	0
4.	Bihar	2437	191	07.84	558
5.	Chhattisgarh	1036	837	80.79	1170
6.	Goa	2	1	50.00	0
7.	Gujarat	1279	1077	84.21	7623
8.	Haryana	77	42	54.54	12
9.	Himachal Pradesh	19	4	21.05	0
10.	Jharkhand	235	59	25.11	103

1	2	3	4	5	6
11.	Karnataka	2441	887	36.34	817
12.	Kerala	893	314	35.16	185
13.	Madhya Pradesh	7481	6446	86.16	3038
14.	Maharashtra	957	712	74.40	935
15.	Manipur	0	0	0	0
16.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0
17.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0
18.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0
19.	Orissa	2207	946	42.86	673
20.	Punjab	101	26	25.74	2
21.	Rajasthan	7466	3766	28.12	2561
22.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
23.	Tamil Nadu	1074	540	50.28	461
24.	Tripura	0	0	0	0
25.	Uttaranchal	87	46	52.87	79
26.	Uttar Pradesh	7565	5863	77.50	14300
27.	West Bengal	47	12	25.53	0
28.	A. & N. Haveli	1	1	100.00	0
29.	Chandigarh	1	1	100.00	0
30.	D. & N. Haveli	4	2	50.00	4
31.	Daman & Diu	2	1	50.00	1
32.	Delhi	19	12	63.16	4
33.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
34.	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	37,953	22,630	59.63	33,606

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Number of cases registered by Police charge sheeted in the Courts and cases disposed off by Courts under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the year 2003

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of cases registered by Police including brought forward.	Number of cases charge sheeted in the courts including brought forward	Percentage to number of cases regis-tered by Police (col. 03).	Number of cases disposed off by the Court including brought forward
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3158	742	23.50	1032
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
3.	Assam	1	1	100.00	0
4.	Bihar	2431	269	11.06	491
5.	Chhattisgarh	1001	558	55.74	657
6.	Goa	3	2	66.67	1
7.	Gujarat	1119	966	86.33	1437
8.	Haryana	63	36	57.14	18
9.	Himachal Pradesh	16	8	50.00	5
10.	Jharkhand	323	75	23.22	71
11.	Karnataka	2612	602	23.05	122
12.	Kerala	686	195	28.34	199
13.	Madhya Pradesh	5776	4763	82.46	3503
14.	Maharashtra	1038	767	73.89	769
15.	Manipur	0	0	0	0
16.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0
17.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0
18.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0
19.	Orissa	2213	1281	57.88	1202
20.	Punjab	97	22	22.68	20
21.	Rajasthan	5824	2604	44.71	3342

1	2	3	4	5	6
22.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0
23.	Tamil Nadu	1124	613	54.54	609
24.	Tripura	0	0	0	0
25.	Uttaranchal	136	74	54.41	131
26.	Uttar Pradesh	2009	1474	73.37	7008
27.	West Bengal	56	20	35.71	14
28.	A. & N. Haveli	0	0	0	0
29.	Chandigarh	1	1	100.00	0
30.	D. & N. Haveli	9	2	22.22	2
31.	Daman & Diu	2	2	100.00	0
32.	Delhi	19	10	52.63	5
33.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0
34.	Pondicherry	1	0	0	0
	TOTAL:	29,718	15,087	50.77	20,638

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Castes in SC category in U.P.

†1525. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a request from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, seeking inclusion of certain castes in the category of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard alongwith the castes to be included;

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